IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-24 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A data processing apparatus ~~which can~~ that is adapted to communicate data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to [[said]] the network, comprising:

display means for displaying [[said]] the plurality of computers and [[said]] the plurality of peripheral devices as symbol information [[onto]] on a virtual system display screen;

first discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for ~~giving~~ issuing a predetermined license ~~from said plurality of computers~~ to said data processing apparatus; and

first control means for controlling the licenser computer discriminated by said first discriminating means ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the licenser computer may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

second discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been [[given]] issued from [[said]] the licenser computer discriminated by said first discriminating means ~~from said plurality~~

~~of computers~~; and

second control means for controlling the licensee computers discriminated by said second discriminating means ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that they can~~ such that the licensee computers may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

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Claim 3 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

third discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which [[can]] may be used by said data processing apparatus ~~from said plurality of computers~~;

third control means for controlling the server device discriminated by said third discriminating means ~~so as to be displayed in a manner~~ such that ~~it can~~ the server device may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen;

selecting means for selecting a symbol on [[said]] the virtual system display screen; and

service supplying means for supplying a common service to each of [[said]] the licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been [[given]] issued from the ~~selected~~ licenser computer ~~in accordance with a fact that said~~, when the licenser computer and [[said]] the server device have been selected by said selecting means.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the common service which is supplied by said service supplying means includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of [[said]] the licensee computers.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A data processing apparatus ~~which can~~ that is adapted to communicate data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to [[said]] the network, comprising:

display means for displaying [[said]] the plurality of computers and [[said]] the plurality of peripheral devices [[onto]] on a virtual system display screen;

first discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for ~~giving~~ issuing a license ~~from said plurality of computers~~ to said data processing apparatus; and

first control means for controlling the licenser computer discriminated by said first discriminating means ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the licenser computer may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

second discriminating means for discriminating licensee computers, from the plurality of computers, to which the license has been [[given]] issued from said licenser computer discriminated by said first discriminating means ~~from said plurality of computers~~; and

second control means for controlling the licensee computers discriminated by said second discriminating means ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that they can~~ such that the licensee computers may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

third discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which [[can]] may be used by said data processing apparatus ~~from said plurality of computers~~;

third control means for controlling the server device discriminated by said third discriminating means ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the server device may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen;

selecting means for selecting a symbol on [[said]] the virtual system display screen; and

service supplying means for supplying a common service to each of [[said]] the licensee computers to which the license has been [[given]] issued from the ~~selected~~ licenser computer ~~in accordance with a fact that said~~, when the licenser computer and [[said]] the server device have been selected by said selecting means.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the

common service which is supplied by said service supplying means includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of [[said]] the licensee computers.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A data processing method in a data processing apparatus ~~which can~~ that is adapted to communicate data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to [[said]] the network, comprising:

a display step of displaying [[said]] the plurality of computers and [[said]] the plurality of peripheral devices as symbol information [[onto]] on a virtual system display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for ~~giving~~ issuing a predetermined license ~~from said plurality of computers~~ to [[said]] the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the licenser computer may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method according to claim 9, further comprising:

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been [[given]] issued from [[said]] the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~from said plurality of~~

~~computers~~; and

a second control step of controlling the licensee computers discriminated [[by]] in said second discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that they can~~ such that the licensee computers may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

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Claim 11 (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, further comprising:

a third discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which [[can]] may be used by [[said]] the data processing apparatus ~~from said plurality of computers~~;

a third control step of controlling the server device discriminated [[by]] in said third discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the server device may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on [[said]] the virtual system display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of [[said]] the licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been [[given]] issued from the ~~selected~~ licenser computer ~~in accordance with a fact that said~~, when the licenser computer and [[said]] the server device have been selected [[by]] in said selecting step.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A method according to claim 11, wherein the common service which is supplied [[by]] in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of [[said]] the licensee computers.

Claim 13 (currently amended): A data processing method in a data processing apparatus ~~which can~~ that is adapted to communicate data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to [[said]] the network, comprising:

a display step of displaying [[said]] the plurality of computers and [[said]] the plurality of peripheral devices [[onto]] on a virtual system display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for ~~giving~~ issuing a license ~~from said plurality of computers~~ to [[said]] the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the licenser computer may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, licensee computers to which the license has been [[given]] issued from [[said]] the licenser

computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~from said plurality of computers~~; and

a second control step of controlling the licensee computers discriminated [[by]] in said second discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that they can~~ such that the licensee computers may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

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Claim 15 (currently amended): A method according to claim 14, further comprising:

a third discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which [[can]] may be used by [[said]] the data processing apparatus ~~from said plurality of computers~~;

a third control step of controlling the server device discriminated [[by]] in said third discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the server device may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on [[said]] the virtual system display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of [[said]] the licensee computers to which the license has been [[given]] issued from the ~~selected~~ licenser computer ~~in accordance with a fact that said~~, when the licenser computer and [[said]] the server device have been selected [[by]] in said selecting step.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method according to claim 15, wherein the common service which is supplied [[by]] in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of [[said]] the licensee computers.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium ~~which stores~~ storing a computer program which [[is]] may be executed by a computer of a data processing apparatus ~~which can~~ that is adapted to communicate data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to [[said]] the network, wherein [[said]] the computer program ~~comprises~~ implements a data processing method of the data processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a display step of displaying [[said]] the plurality of computers and [[said]] the plurality of peripheral devices as symbol information [[onto]] on a virtual system display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for ~~giving~~ issuing a predetermined license ~~from said plurality of computers~~ to [[said]] the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the licenser computer may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A medium according to claim 17, wherein

~~said computer program~~ the method further comprises:

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been [[given]] issued from [[said]] the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~from said plurality of computers~~; and

a second control step of controlling the licensee computers discriminated [[by]] in said second discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that they can~~ such that the licensee computers may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A medium according to claim 18, wherein ~~said computer program~~ the method further comprises:

a third discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which [[can]] may be used by [[said]] the data processing apparatus ~~from said plurality of computers~~;

a third control step of controlling the server device discriminated [[by]] in said third discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the server device may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on [[said]] the virtual system display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of [[said]] the

licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been [[given]] issued from the ~~selected~~ licenser computer ~~in accordance with a fact that said~~, when the licenser computer and [[said]] the server device have been selected [[by]] in said selecting step.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A medium according to claim 19, wherein the common service which is supplied [[by]] in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of [[said]] the licensee computers.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium ~~which stores~~ storing a computer program which [[is]] may be executed by a computer of a data processing apparatus ~~which can~~ that is adapted to communicate data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to [[said]] the network, wherein [[said]] the computer program ~~comprises~~ implements a data processing method of the data processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a display step of displaying [[said]] the plurality of computers and [[said]] the plurality of peripheral devices [[onto]] on a virtual system display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a licenser computer having a license server function for ~~giving~~ issuing a license ~~from said plurality of computers~~ to [[said]] the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the

licenser computer may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A medium according to claim 21, wherein ~~said computer program~~ the method further comprises:

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, licensee computers to which the license has been [[given]] issued from [[said]] the licenser computer discriminated [[by]] in said first discriminating step ~~from said plurality of computers~~; and

a second control step of controlling the licensee computers discriminated [[by]] in said second discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that they can~~ such that the licensee computers may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A medium according to claim 22, wherein ~~said computer program~~ the method further comprises:

a third discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which [[can]] may be used by [[said]] the data processing apparatus ~~from said plurality of computers~~;

a third control step of controlling the server device discriminated [[by]] in said third discriminating step ~~so as to be displayed in a manner such that it can~~ such that the server

device may be identified from other devices on [[said]] the virtual system display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on [[said]] the virtual system display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of [[said]] the licensee computers to which the license has been [[given]] issued from the ~~selected~~ licenser computer ~~in accordance with a fact that said~~, when the licenser computer and [[said]] the server device have been selected [[by]] in said selecting step.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A medium according to claim 23, wherein the common service which is supplied [[by]] in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of [[said]] the licensee computers.